

## MAINE EMS EDUCATION COMMITTEE MINUTES

Date: Wednesday, April 12, 2006  
Member Present: D. Batsie (Chairman), L. Delano, B. Chamberlin, D. Boucher, R. Petrie, D. Palladino, P. Farrington, R. Overlock, D. Kinney, S. Latulippe, R. Chase  
Absent: S. Diaz, B. Zito, M. Barter, D. Cornelio, B. Davis, D. Robishaw, S. Stewart-Dore, J. Wellman, D. Russell  
Guests: T. Stebbins  
Timekeeper:  
Scribe: D. Kinney

Meeting Opened at: 1300

- 1) Introductions
  - a) Introductions all around
- 2) Ratification of Minutes
  - a) **MOTION: TO ACCEPT THE OCTOBER MINUTES AS PRESENTED. PALLADINO/CHAMBERLIN PASSED**
- 3) Old Business
  - a) PIFT Update
    - i) Batsie updated the process that has taken place so far which included:
      - (1) Objectives completed and teaching points added.
      - (2) Continuous document, which will form the basis for a lesson plan, is nearly complete.
        - (a) Document will be distributed to all Ed Com. members when it is complete.
        - (b) Document will be shared with Dan Lambert (MMC) and Sherrie Weeks (UMO) for content and format review
        - (c) Lesson plan hoped to be completed in May.
    - ii) Discussion on who should be allowed to teach. Petrie noted that if a person has the knowledge, they should be allowed to teach and we should not be exclusive.
      - (1) Discussion tabled until lesson plan is completed.
    - iii) **NO RELATED MOTIONS**
    - iv) **ACTION:** Batsie will distribute lesson plan document and update progress again in May
  - b) Adult IO Training
    - i) Batsie noted cosmetic updates to power point (slides added pertaining to removal and battery change). No significant changes.
    - ii) Discussion on utilizing manufacturer's representatives for training.
      - (1) MEMS IC will lead the training

- (2) Manufacturers Rep used as a resource
    - iii) Discussion on Jay Bradshaw writing a letter to request training equipment for regions.
    - iv) **NO RELATED MOTIONS**
    - v) **ACTION:**
      - (1) Batsie to follow up with Jay Bradshaw regarding letter.
      - (2) Kinney will check with Jay Bradshaw regarding EMSC funds.
  - c) Combined Education and Exam Committee meeting in June (6/14)
    - i) IPE topics and results of first round of testing to be discussed.
    - ii) **NO RELATED MOTIONS**
    - iii) **ACTION:**
      - (1) Ed. Com. Members should forward on concerns and related discussion points to Batsie.
- 4) New Business
- a) Ed. Com. Meeting Time
    - i) **MOTION: (Palladino/Delano) MOVE EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING TIME TO 1300 (*Dates/location remain the same*) Passed**
    - ii) **ACTION:**
      - (1) Batsie will confer with board to make sure Ed. Com. Committee's decision is appropriate.
      - (2) Pending board approval, future Ed. Com. meetings will be held at 1300.
  - b) BLS Refresher Part I
    - i) Delano brought up concern that BLS refresher can only be used as "refresher and not for continuing education"
      - (1) Eg.: Typically BLS providers take refresher in their last year of licensure to account for all BLS CEH requirements. Currently, if a BLS provider were to take such a refresher earlier than their last year of licensure, it could not count toward CEH requirement.
        - (a) Note: an ALS provider is allowed to use a BLS refresher toward CEH requirements.
    - ii) Discussion asked why this was the case. Noted BLS providers should be afforded the CEH opportunity.
      - (1) Chamberlin noted presentation of a dated refresher completion certificate at re-licensure could be used to differentiate "refresher" from CEH.
        - (a) That is, if certificate is dated >1 year it would be considered CEH and if <1 year it would be considered a "refresher"
    - iii) **NO RELATED MOTIONS**
    - iv) **ACTION:**
      - (1) Boucher will break down categories for standardized CEH hours for refresher.
      - (2) Kinney will take question to MEMS staff.

(3) Issue to be readdressed in May

c) BLS Refresher Part II

- i) Palladino inquired as to why 38 hours of BLS CEH requirements are credited to a 24-hour refresher.
- ii) Delano explained that refresher is objective driven and structured to fulfill all requirements at once.
- iii) **NO RELATED MOTIONS**
- iv) **ACTION:**
  - (1) Issue tabled for May meeting

d) Online Licensure Training

- i) Region 4 was recently asked to review a DVD/Computer based BLS licensure program.
- ii) Discussion ensued regarding licensure course approval
  - (1) Do we need a more robust approval process?
  - (2) Does MEMS/Ed. Com. have a QA responsibility beyond initial approval
  - (3) IF QA is left to course sponsors then do we have a QA responsibility with regard to course sponsors?
  - (4) Should we be moving toward an accreditation system?
- iii) **NO RELATED MOTIONS**
- iv) **ACTION:**
  - (1) Issue tabled for May meeting to involve new MEMS Training Coordinator

e) MFTE Fire Instructor IC Reciprocity

- i) New FT-220 (Fire Instructor) curriculum does not guarantee student teaching requirement.
  - (1) Delano asked if this should impact current MEMS IC reciprocity given to FT-220.
  - (2) Discussion ensued regarding fire instructor curriculum.
    - (a) Committee needed more information before making a ruling
- ii) **NO RELATED MOTIONS**
- iii) **ACTION:**
  - (1) Chamberlin to gather information on FT-220 student teaching requirement. Will present at May Meeting.
  - (2) Issue tabled for May meeting to involve new MEMS Training Coordinator

f) Students practicing invasive procedures (IV's) on each other.

- i) Petrie questioned whether it was permissible for ALS students to practice IV's on each other in a classroom setting.
- ii) Boucher stated this was not legal and noted Region 5 has a legal opinion from State Attorney General's office.
- iii) **NO RELATED MOTIONS**
- iv) **ACTION:**
  - (1) Boucher will distribute further details to committee.

- 5) (Petrie/Farrington) **MOTION TO ADJOURN**
  - a) Meeting adjourned 1200
- 6) Next Meeting Wed 4/12 *1300 pending board approval.*
  - a) Batsie will confirm via email.